



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

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**Commission Position Statement
Substitute Senate Bill 6613
January 24, 2006**

At the Washington State Gambling Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on January 12, 2006, we voted to support the changes to the Gambling Act that clarify the prohibition against Internet gambling, now found in Senate Bill 6613. The Commission greatly appreciates its introduction. We are neutral on the changes to amend the Lottery statute.

The Washington State Gambling Commission has long taken the position that Internet gambling is prohibited under state law. Senate Bill 6613 reinforces that stance by specifically including the Internet in the list of prohibited means for transmitting and receiving gambling information and including Internet gambling activities as professional gambling. In addition to providing the agency and the public a clear understanding of this public policy issue, the bill should further strengthen Internet gambling cases we pursue.